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SUBJECT: POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN THE NORTH

1. TWO BOMBS WERE THROWN BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS BEFORE DAWN JAN 16 FROM BRIDGE OVER MATOZINHOS HARBOR WHICH IS PART OF OPORTO'S NORTHERN PORT COMPLEX. INTENDED TARGET WAS 80-METER LONG RUSSIAN FREIGHTER "N. RIBAKOVAITE" MOORED BELOW TO LOAD CARGO OF CORK. ONE BOMB FIZZLED IN THE WATER; THE OTHER EXPLODED HARMLESSLY ON THE PIER.

2. IN NORTHERN TOWN OF FAFE, TWO BOMBS DAMAGED HOUSES BELONGING TO ALLEGED COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER AND LEFT-LINING DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDP/CDE) ACTIVIST. A THIRD HOME OF COMMUNIST (PCP) MEMBER WAS MACHINE-GUNNED. ALL ATTACKS TOOK PLACE BEFORE DAWN JAN 16 CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

3. COMMENT: RUSSIAN FREIGHTER INCIDENT IS FIRST TIME BOMBS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST FOREIGN TARGET AND SETS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR RETALIATION FROM THE LEFT. THE CURRENT RASH OF BOMBINGS IN OPORTO AREA (8 IN THE LAST 3 DAYS) SETS THE SCENE FOR SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF COMMUNIST (PCP)

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SECGEN ALVARO CUNHAL AT PCP RALLY TONIGHT IN OPORTO' CRYSTAL

PALACE. PCP HAS CALLED RALLY " IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTIES" AND  
"FOR AN ECONOMY AT THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE". IT IS LIKELY  
THAT RALLY WILL ALSO FOCUS ATTENTION ON "FASCIST ATTACKS"  
THOUGH I DO NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME BOMBS  
DIRECTED AGAINST COMMUNITIES TARGETS HAVE BEEN ACTS OF  
PROVOCATION BY LEFTISTS THEMSELVES.  
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